

73-75

11 May 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William E. Colby  
Executive Secretary  
CIA Management Committee

SUBJECT : 21 October 1971 Request from  
Mr. Ehrlichman

1. On your behalf, [ ] recently called my attention to a cryptic entry in Colonel White's official minutes of the 11 November 1971 Executive Committee meeting. This entry noted that I had reported that work on the "Ehrlichman request" was in train and would discuss the details of this sensitive matter privately with Mr. Helms. In light of recent events, it was obviously desirable to check the record and ascertain precisely what request was being referred to.

25X1


2. The matter in question deals with work stimulated by a 21 October 1971 memorandum to Mr. Helms (as DCI) signed by Mr. Ehrlichman. In this memo Mr. Ehrlichman asked that the DCI furnish copies of the actual documents cited in a 19 March 1970 memorandum from the DCI to Dr. Kissinger forwarding (at the latter's request) a list of intelligence reports bearing on the November 1968 Vietnam bombing halt which were affected by President Johnson's "freeze" imposed in early October 1968.

3. There were two responses to Mr. Ehrlichman's 21 October 1971 request. These were made in our memoranda of (respectively) 16 November and 19 November 1971. (Both of these memoranda were drafted by me and signed by Mr. Helms.)

25X1

4. Copies of the Ehrlichman request and our two responses are appended hereto. Our responses forwarded the full texts of the actual documents enumerated therein. I am not appending separate copies of these full texts with this note but complete lists of the documents that were forwarded are attached to the copies of our replies to Mr. Ehrlichman.


5. Even scrutinizing this matter with 20-20 hindsight in the climate of May 1973, I still regard this particular request of Mr. Ehrlichman as having been perfectly proper and consider our responses to it both correct and legitimate.

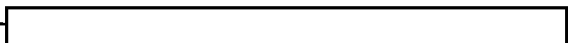
  
George A. Carver, Jr.


Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

25X1

Attachments

cc:   
Mr. Houston

Attachments -   
Mr. Colby - Copies 5a

 - Copies 5b  
Mr. Houston - Copies 5c

1 - GAC Chrono (Copies 5d) ✓  
1 - VAS Chrono (Copies 5e)